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ABSTRACT

This book provides a comprehensive guide for parents who want to help their children develop an important skill, writing, in a fun and creative way. The book shares with parents successful classroom and workshop teaching methods. It also provides guideline for home schooling parents. The book helps children become less intimidated by the English language through hundreds of ideas, tips, projects, and guidelines, so that they can become better writers, thinkers, and learners. Chapters in the book are: (1) "Kids Who Write"; (2) "The Building Blocks: Foundations for Writing in the Early Years"; (3) "Providing a Writing Environment"; (4) "Growing up Writing: Ages, Stages, and Readiness to Write"; (5) "How Writers Write: Understanding the Writing Process"; (6) "Writing Letters for Fun, Friends, and Profit"; (7) "Write Away! Using E-mail to Boost Your Child's Writing Skills"; (8) "Across the Miles: Writing Family Newsletters and Neighborhood Newspapers"; (9) "Help, Mom! I've Got to Write a Book Report"; (10) "Creative Journal Keeping: The Best Practice for Developing Writers"; (11) "Story Writing Exercises"; (12) "Bookmaking Projects for Children"; (13) "Writing Family History Stories"; (14) "Fun with Words: Word Play for Every Age"; (15) "Poetry Writing: The Magic of the Written Word"; and (16) "Helping Young Writers Break into Print." Appendixes contain a grammar guide; guidelines for assessing children's writing; and a list of magazines that publish young authors. Also attached is a list of ABC book ideas. (NKA)